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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2013-C-21 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 10, 2013

Date of Death: May 10, 2013

Operator: Maryland Energy  
Resources, LLC

Mine: Casselman Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED] a 40 year old roof bolter, had installed bolts in five cuts with a co-worker when he complained that he was not feeling well. He sat down to rest. Shortly afterwards he lost consciousness and was unresponsive. He was transported to the surface and then to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy ruled the manner of death to be natural and due to atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. An MSHA investigation did not identify any associated environmental or physical hazards at the mine site.

Based on the findings of the autopsy report and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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